

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum alongwith the value in rupee of foodgrains exported and imported during each of the last three years and in the current year till date; and

(b) the steps being taken to boost the export of foodgrains during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The country has been exporting and importing a number of foodgrains, which includes cereals and pulses. The details are as below:

Qty. in MTs Value: in Rs. crores

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07
2007-08

Qty. Value Qty. Value Qty. Value Qty. Value

Export 8236646 9625.14 584899188347.83 5775541 8443.85 1627603
2345.02
(April (April
- June - June
2007) 2007)

Import 1346281 1784.25 1724469 2507.59 83586479754.54 1047393 1919.97
(April- (April
July - July
2007) 2007)

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

(b) Government, in general has been promoting exports of foodgrains directly and through statutory bodies like Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards. In order to boost exports, the government provides various incentives through APEDA, Commodity Boards/Export Promotion Councils for infrastructure development, quality control, market development and promotion, packaging, publicity, information dissemination etc. However, in 2006-07 and 2007-08 certain restrictions have been put on foodgrain exports to be able to meet the domestic demand.